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Dear Parents

Lions and Tigers Newsletter



Fantastic Start!

The children are settling in really well and are so enthusiastic! Thank you for your support in helping them to adjust to 'big school'! We are also grateful for your returned questionnaires which are helping us to build a fuller picture of your child.



Learning in Foundation

In addition to the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum, learners in Lions and Tigers follow the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). This term our unit is 'All about Me' and this will form the basis of many of our Circle Times and class based activities. On **Monday 26th September** please could your child bring in a **photo** of a family member (can be a pet!) which they will be able to share with another child. Please ensure that photos are named thank you.



Library Books

Our regular day for visiting the school library this half term will be a Thursday - this will change to a Tuesday after half term when Bags of Fun sessions start. Please ensure that your child returns their book on this day for changing.

SCITT (School Centred Teacher Training) Trainees

We are extremely lucky to have a number of extra adults with us this term who are undergoing professional training in Early Years Teaching at Bransgore. Your children are already benefiting from their skills and enthusiasm.

Full Time Attendance

For planning purposes it would be helpful if children attending part-time stay part time until after the half term break. Please advise us if you wish full time attendance to start sooner



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Bags of Fun Sessions (starting after half term)

These sessions are an opportunity for you to come into school and choose a story sack with your child. Your child will be able to show you where they like to play and we will share some songs or a story. Please do not feel under pressure to attend - we know that many of you work or have other commitments. Adults will be on hand to help your child to choose their 'Bag of Fun'. Lions and Tigers will have their sessions on alternate Tuesdays (the other class will have their library session at the same time). Sessions will start at 2.20 p.m. and you can stay with your child until 3.15 p.m. Please could the 'Bags of Fun' be returned on the Friday, to enable them to be checked for the following week. We would be grateful for a couple of volunteers to check through bags on a Monday afternoon. Please see either teacher if you are able to help with this.



Home Link Books

Please check this book each Friday for activities to complete with your child at home. We will alternate fun open ended discussion based activities with learning which supports our daily Read Write Inc. phonic sessions. Please feel free to use the book as a means of communication with us, for example to let us know about anything significant to your child.



Key dates and workshops

Below is a list of key dates for the term. We will be leading workshops designed to help you to support your child's learning. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend as we will ensure that you receive written information.

The dates are as follows:

Wed. 5th October

Mrs Jenkinson and Miss Lovell will be available from 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. in the school hall to see parents for a quick chat on how well your child has settled (there are no appointments).



Wed. 5th October

Read Write Inc. workshops to explain how our very successful phonics programme works and how you can support your child's learning. The workshop will be held in the SCITT building at 2.30 p.m. It will be led by Mrs Jenkinson and Mrs Pollitt (English Manager). Please use the side gate to the SCITT building for this workshop. Dates for workshops after half term to be confirmed.



Tues. 8th November

The first 'Bags of Fun' Session at 2.20 p.m. This will be for Tiger parents/carers only (please use the Blue Foundation door)

Tues. 15 th November	Lions 'Bags of Fun'
Tues. 22 nd November	Tigers 'Bags of Fun'
Tues. 29 th November	Lions 'Bags of Fun'
Tues. 6 th December	Tigers 'Bags of Fun'
Tues. 13 th December	Lions 'Bags of Fun'
Tues. 13 th December	Lions and Tigers Nativity at 9.30 a.m. in St Mary's Church.



Thanks again for your support

Best wishes

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Foundation Stage Leader
Tiger Class



Miss Lovell
Lion Class



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